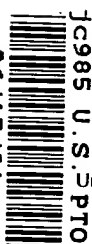


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Transmitted herewith for filing is a continuation utility patent application of inventor(s): **Thomas L. Ritzdorf, E. Henry Stevens, LinLin Chen, Lyndon W. Graham, Curt Dundas**, and entitled:

### **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR LOW-TEMPERATURE ANNEALING OF METALLIZATION MICROSTRUCTURES IN THE PRODUCTION OF A MICROELECTRONIC DEVICE**

1. ☒ Specification containing 49 (preferred arrangement set forth below)
- Descriptive Title of the Invention
  - Cross-reference to related applications (if applicable)
  - Statement regarding Federally-sponsored Research & Development (if applicable)
  - Reference to Microfiche Appendix (if applicable);
  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
2. ☒ Drawings: 12 Sheets of ☐ formal drawings ☒ informal drawings
3. ☒ Oath or Declaration
- a. ☐ An executed declaration or oath for the utility patent application including a power of attorney,
  - b. ☐ An unexecuted declaration or oath for the utility patent application including a power of attorney;
  - c. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d), for continuation/divisional with No. 16 completed. [Note No. 4 below.])
    - i. ☐ Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application (see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
4. ☒ **For CONTINUATION or DIVISIONAL Applications only:** The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 3c, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

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5. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)
6. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence submission. including:  
☐ Computer readable copy,  
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☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies.

**Accompanying Application Parts:**

7. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet, document(s) and requisite fee).
8. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (where there is an assignee)  
☐ Power of Attorney
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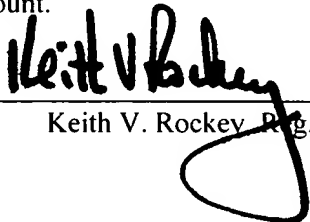
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